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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, O/DDI Executive Staff

SUBJECT : Hebert/Arends Bill--H.R. 9853

1. I can not identify any considerations related to this proposed legislation that would have a direct or unique impact on the Office of Strategic Research. There are a few broad--Agencywide--concerns related to such things as source protection and the ability of the Commission to subpoena agency employees, but these are questions best addressed by others than production officials.

2. Beyond this, I also have some difficulty in understanding what Frank Slotinshek had in mind when he said that the Commission's authority would extend only to practices and procedures and not to substance. The stated goal of the Commission is to see that a proper balance is struck between "the need to maintain a free flow of information," and "the necessity to provide for the security of the United States. To do this would seem to require probing pretty deeply into the substance of the information in question in order to set rules governing practices and procedures.

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